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Notice Of Decision

Water Pollution Control
Permit Number Nev0090060
For The AA Block Project

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to issue Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0090060 to Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of the approved facilities. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with NAC 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation and that public safety and health will be protected.

This permit will become effective August 18, 2005. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5pm, August 13, 2005 on Form 3 with the State Environmental Commission, 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada, 89701-5249. For more information, contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.

Comments were not received during the public notice period. However, Parts I.D.6, 7 and 9 were changed to provide program consistency. Parts II.B.3.c, 4.a.iv and vii were changed to provide better clarification.